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State Route 83 to Close for Bridge Replacement

Full closure of highway to build new crossing at the Chino Creek Bridge

CHINO – Caltrans will close State Route 83, Euclid Avenue, from Rincon Rd. to the entrance to Prado Park beginning Monday, Oct. 31 through Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006 to replace the Chino Creek Bridge. This project is part of a \$1.6 million effort to improve the bridge and provide easier commutes through this area. Crews from MCM Construction will work between the 6:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. construction window.

Motorists who normally use SR83 are advised to take the following detours:

1. Motorists traveling to Orange County can take northbound SR83 to the westbound SR60, transition to the southbound SR57
2. Motorists traveling to Los Angeles County can take northbound SR83 to the westbound SR60
3. Motorists heading to Riverside County can use northbound SR83 to the eastbound SR60 and continue into Riverside or transition to the southbound Interstate 15 to the eastbound SR91
4. Motorists traveling to San Bernardino (from Chino Hills, Corona and Orange County) can take SR 71 to the Central exit and follow the detour to northbound SR83.

Caltrans advises the more than 13,000 daily commuters who normally drive through the Prado Park area to plan their trips ahead of time by allowing an additional 30 to 45 minutes to their travel.

Caltrans' contractor, MCM Construction, will observe an environmentally sensitive area component of this project, which protects the Least Bell's Vireo and critical habitat from construction activities during their nesting season. This occurs between Feb. 15 through Sept. 1. No pile driving will be allowed during this time. The contractor will implement a temporary creek diversion system during the nesting season.

Caltrans encourages motorists to exercise extreme caution when driving near all construction projects. Please remember to drive carefully, be alert and ***SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.***

Please visit the Caltrans Web site at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/> for additional information on this and other Department projects.

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